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QUICK RESPONSE TEAM (QRT) COORDINATOR BRIEFING

Assistance to OPS with Freedom Convoy 2022



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COVID-19

- The following applies to members/employees who **are showing symptoms of COVID** or have been in close contact with a confirmed COVID case:
- Incoming members will have access to rapid test kits if they show symptoms. They are to self-test, and advise their supervisor immediately. They are not to report for duty unless they have a negative rapid test result.
- If symptoms develop during the shift, they are to contact their TL and their traffic control points will have to be replaced. Both members will be relieved from their duties and return to TPOF room 1450 to be isolated and tested. Members will be asked to return to their hotel/residence and follow with provincial health protocols.



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SITUATION

- The arrival in the National Capital Region, and specifically the City of Ottawa, of the “Freedom Convoy 2022” protest has placed immense pressure on the available police resources of the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) to effectively respond to the event. As a result, RCMP resources were requested to provide front-line policing services to augment and support OPS operations within and around the downtown core.
- In response to this request, the RCMP has provided police responders to manage strategic traffic control points (principally key intersections within the “Inner Lockdown” and “Warm” Zones as designated by the OPS). This involves deploying Regular Members (RM) and Reservists to conduct static vehicular, pedestrian traffic-control duties, in order to enable the safe and orderly movement of people within these areas.
- The Quick Response Team (QRT) members are embedded with OPS and support their ground operations.



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MISSION

- Using an integrated response, the Ottawa Police Service and its policing partners will keep the peace, enforce legislation, and maintain public safety for the duration of the Ottawa truck demonstration.
- This will be achieved with the utmost respect to the individual's Charter of Rights and Freedoms with priority on community and emergency service's personal safety and well-being.
- Of note, members are not to engage in proactive enforcement activities not related to the demonstration unless directed, but are to report these as necessary to the OPS as police of jurisdiction for any follow-up deemed necessary.



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QRT Roles

- Four QRT's will be deployed per shift. Each QRT will be made up of six RCMP officers.
- Each RCMP QRT will be paired with and lead by one or two Ottawa Police Officers.
- QRT's will be deployed at the discretion of the Ottawa Police site commander.
- QRT coordinators provide to support RCMP QRT during the execution of their duties. Members are asked to relay any concerns regarding equipment, assigned tasks, meals, breaks, relief, logistics, etc. so that these can be addressed as soon as possible.



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INTELLIGENCE

- If you collect intelligence or have an adverse interaction with an individual while performing your duties, please advise the OPS Supervisor, QRT Coordinator and the Duty Inspector. In addition, a detailed email will need to be sent to the QRT Coordinator and the Duty Inspector.



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Identification of Friendly Forces

In order to avoid blue on blue contact, four identification methods have been adopted:

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OPERATIONS

- Ensure RMs have gas masks
- Divide the group up into RCMP QRT Teams. 1 QRT Team consists of 6 RM.
- There will be 4 RCMP QRT Teams for a total of 24 RM. OPS members will be embedded in the RCMP QRT Teams.
- Each QRT will have a designated TL and a driver.
- QRT Coordinators and TLs exchange phone numbers.
- QRT coordinators will provide the working shift schedule to OPS and Operations Command.
- Use extra caution when travelling within the control access zone as there is foot traffic. Each QRT vehicle is equipped with a fireball on the dashboard
- Use plain language when using your portable radio.



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OPERATIONS

Resourcing per shift

- **Duty Inspector (Inspector).**
 - Oversight of the operations from the NCRCC.
- **QRT Coordinator**
 - Operationalize requests received from the Duty Inspector and OPS point of contact.
- **Team Leaders**
 - Responsible of their members embedded with OPS.
- **Team**
 - Each team consists of 6 RM and a unmarked PC.

Operational decisions are made at NCRCC level (Duty Inspector); QRT Coordinators are the main point of contact for QRT members on the ground for administrative concerns. For operational matters while on the ground, QRT members will follow the direction of the OPS supervisor.



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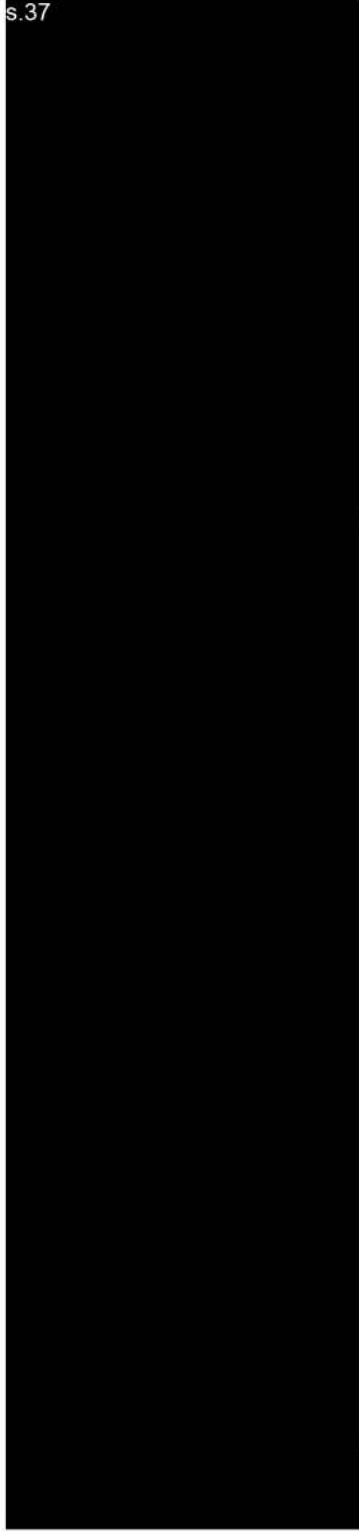
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EQUIPMENT

C8 / HBA / CEW / RADIOS / EAR&EYE PRO

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- Ear protection and eye protection is available.
- High Visibility vests are available if required.



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COMMUNICATIONS

- QRT members will be given OPS portable radios. This is their primary operational communication tool.
- The OPS operational channel is Special 3.
- The OPS administrative/logistical support channel is Special 6.
- The RCMP duty inspector can be reached through the NCRCC via OPS radio channel Special 3.
- **Remember your CALL SIGN when issued to you by OPS logistics**
- For informal/non operational communications, use your cell phone



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CURRENT POSTURE

- QRT members will receive instructions at the OPS Briefing. This briefing will be given at 101 Centrepont Drive in the Ben Franklin building.
- Copies of an Emergency Measures Regulations guide is printed and available.
- OPS 10-codes sheet, as well as other relevant documents will be available at the OPS briefing.



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Trauma Hospital

Ottawa Civic Hospital

1053 Carling Ave, Ottawa, K1Y 4E9

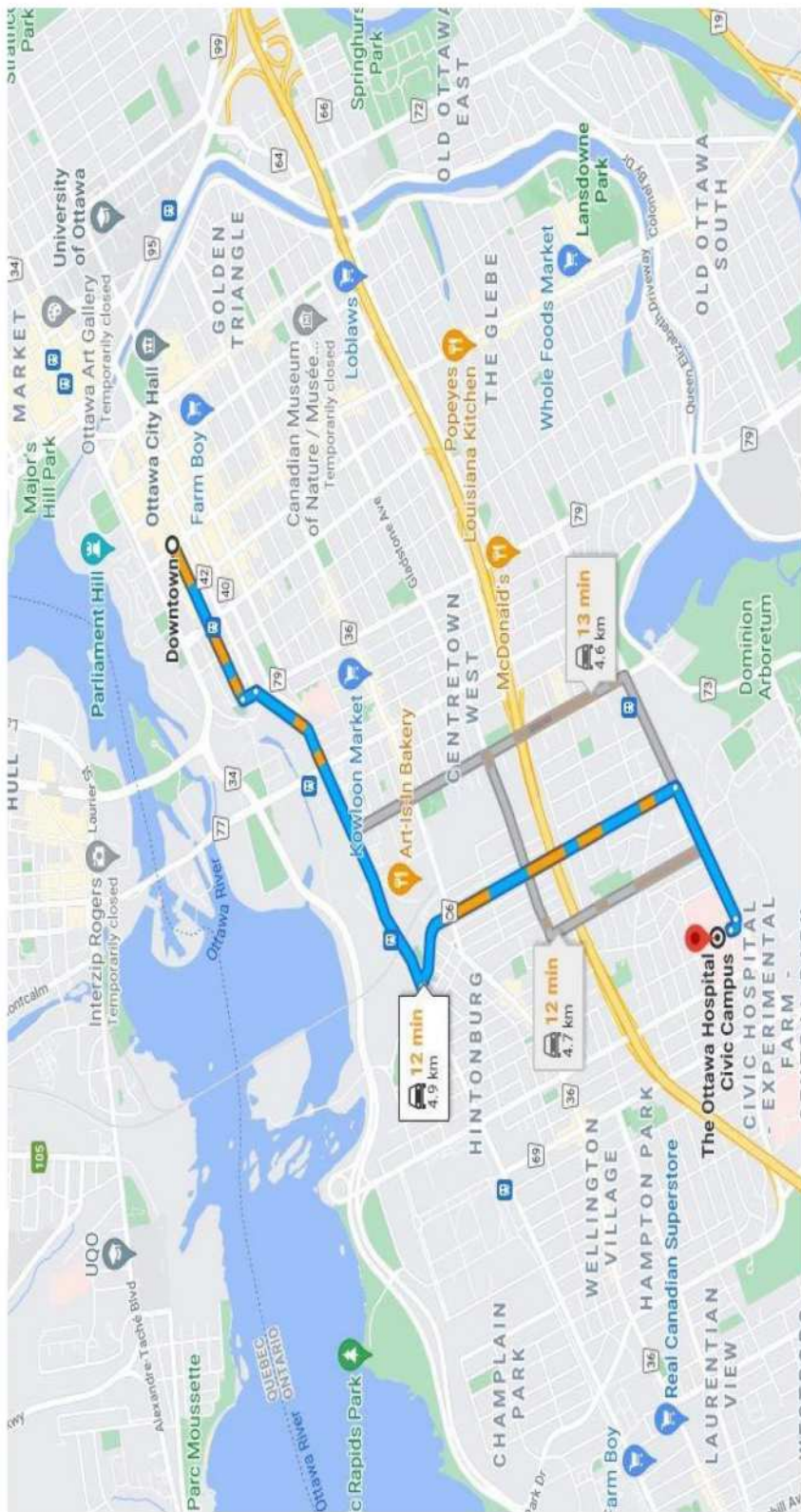
CONTACT NCRCC



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EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY PLANNING



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ADMINISTRATION

- Provide phone numbers for QRT Coordinators.
- Provide the name and contact details of the RCMP Shift Supervisor and the RCMP Duty Inspector.
- An email providing all relevant contact numbers and information will be fanned out to the Team Leaders of each QRT.



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ADMINISTRATION

End of Shift

- Refueling of PCs is to be done prior to returning to TPOF at the end of shift.
- The gas card is located in each PC and should be returned on full at the end of each shift. Gas Code 2160.
- Please ensure that the interior of the vehicles is clean upon return.
- TL's ensure that QRT keys, tasers, HBA, and other equipment are returned to the QRT coordinator or QRT logistical support at the end of shift.



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Employee Assistance Services

- If you're going through a difficult time at work or at home, please reach out to **Employee Assistance Services (EAS)** for support. You can contact them by phone **1-800-268-7708** or **1-800-567-5803 (TTY)** or online chat www.canada.ca/eap-chat
- **Peer to Peer Program**

Division	Name	Office telephone	Mobile telephone
NHQ	Sgt. Jag Soin	613-843-5169	Irrelevant
NHQ	Cpl. Liliane Gondo	613-843-5035	
National	Cst. Allison Barker	613-993-0031	
O Division	Cpl. April Wellings	905-876-9716	
O Division	PSE Chelsea Gervan	n/a	
C Division	Cst. Stacey Michaud	514-939-8426	



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ADMINISTRATION

**PROS FILE 2002-74888
COLLATOR A1902**

**RCMP OPS IO# 749888
OPS SUPPORT IO# 749853**

A separate record of expenses is tracked by Internal Order #s



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QRT Coordinator

Roles & Responsibilities

1. Obtain two (2) of the upcoming deployment staffing sheet. This is to be provided by staffing members assigned to the upcoming rotation (C div, NCR/HQ, O div). For morning shift. This needs to be done the night before.
2. Get room key from the commissioner's guard hut to retrieve the Tasers and other secured equipment.
 - Verify Tasers from previous shift have been returned. Ensure the log sheets are updated and Tasers are ready for the next deployment.
3. Prepare the convoy of QRT vehicles for the upcoming rotation.
 - Fuel, HBA,, clean vehicles, deal with servicing issues, etc.



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QRT Coordinator

Roles & Responsibilities

4. QRT Coordinators reporting to duty have to inform the Shift Supervisor and Duty Inspector.
5. Ensure QRT members stage in their assigned area in the tent.
6. Wait for confirmation from the logistics members before heading to TPOF Cafeteria with the QRT members for the briefing.
7. Conduct QRT Briefing
 - Explain Taser's SOP.
8. Travel to 101 Centrepont with QRT Teams.
 - Ensure cones to parking spaces have been replaced when leaving.
9. Provide OPS QRT counterparts head count of QRT members and inform them that RCMP QRT in enroute.



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QRT Coordinator

Roles & Responsibilities

10. QRT logistical support will send a digital copy to OPS and to the coordinators once updated with final list of deployed personnel.
11. At OPS Briefing:
 - Ensure members receive radios and meals.
 - Following the OPS Briefing, if necessary, provide any relevant items to both RCMP and OPS members (i.e. limitations of RCMP transport not being equipped with emergency lights, recent intel, etc.)
 - Liaise with OPS counterparts to de-conflict any possible issues with upcoming rotation as the posture will likely be changing.
12. Send report to Duty Inspector, Inspector Falls, and other QRT members summarizing deployment numbers, intel or any other relevant information that Insp. Falls will need when briefing up (template was provided by Sgt. Neptune).



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QRT Coordinator

Roles & Responsibilities

13. Maintain communications with QRT TLs and address any arising issues.
14. Facilitate shift handover and ensure that all QRT's have been relieved of their duties.
13. Ensure that QRT keys have been returned to the QRT staging area.
14. Ensure that tasers have been returned and logsheets completed
15. Ensure that HBA has been returned.



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